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Dear Sir.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-36 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004.

Please charge the amount of \$330.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0494 to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

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